

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) The Government have taken action against the alleged employer under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. In pursuance of this, the alleged Employer has been arrested and also bonded labourers have been released and sent to their native place for rehabilitation.

Loss of Revenue due to Prohibition Policy in Gujarat

2439. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat have been losing revenue due to prohibition policy since its inception;

(b) whether this policy has been enshrined in the Directive Principles of State Policy in the Constitution and the loss is to be compensated;

(c) if so, the reasons for not compensating; and

(d) if not, the reasons as to why Andhra Pradesh is being compensated for the period they declared prohibition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Article 47 of the Constitution of India *inter-alia* directs the State to endeavor to bring about prohibition of consumption, except for medicinal purpose, of intoxicating drinks and drugs which are injurious to health. There is no directive/policy for compensating the loss.

(d) Andhra Pradesh has not been compensated for the loss incurred on implementation of prohibition.